



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

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| DEPARTMENT: | DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES | RELEASE DATE: | Friday, January 12, 2007 |
| POSITION TITLE: | Chief, Fiscal Forecasting and Data Management Branch | FINAL FILING DATE: | Friday, February 16, 2007 |
| CEA LEVEL: | CEA II | EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE: | |
| SALARY RANGE: | \$ 7,558.00 - \$ 8,333.00 / Month | BULLETIN ID: | 12192006_2 |

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under the administrative direction of the Deputy Director of Administration, the Chief, Fiscal Forecasting and Data Management Branch plans, organizes, and directs the activities of the Fiscal Forecasting and Data Management Branch (FFDMB) for the Department of Health Services. The Chief, FFDMB, is responsible for all functions of the branch, including (1) preparation of two annual estimates of current year and budget year Medi-Cal and Family Public Health assumptions and expenditure forecasts; (2) fiscal analyses of all legislative bills, regulation changes, proposed policy changes, and federal Medicaid changes potentially impacting Medi-Cal and Family Public Health local assistance expenditures; (3) preparation of Medicaid federal grant award requests and supplements; (4) monitoring actual versus budget Medi-Cal expenditures and advising the Director of the need for any corrective actions; (5) establishment and monitoring of annual allocations for county eligibility determination costs and setting performance standards for county workloads; (6) providing technical support services and statistical consultation to the Medi-Cal program and extensive support on the statistical aspects of disputes arising from federal financial participation claims; (7) providing technical assistance to the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) and Governor's Office regarding the impact of policy decisions; and (8) providing testimony before the Legislature regarding the Administration's proposals impacting the Medi-Cal program.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Either I

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code Section 18990.

Or III

Must be a non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch for two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code Section 18992.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

CEA Level 1. Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 2 and 3. Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 4 and 5. Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA

position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors and attorneys.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)

- Extensive knowledge of statistical and fiscal forecasting techniques, the Medi-Cal and Family Public Health Programs, and the State's budgetary process.
- A working knowledge of the legislative processes, specifically those that pertain to fiscal matters impacting state operations.
- A good understanding of the State's Medi-Cal fund management practices and processes, especially in a multi-fund environment.
- A good understanding of Medi-Cal data processing and information technology.
- Demonstrated management skills necessary to lead, motivate, and develop staff.
- Demonstrated ability to advise, consult, and work cooperatively with departmental staff as well as legislators, federal government, and other public and private agencies.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, and to present logical and convincing arguments.
- Demonstrated ability to make both planned and impromptu presentations before a group of individuals on diverse, complex, and highly sensitive issues.
- Working knowledge of personnel and labor relations policies and practices.
- Understanding of, and commitment to, the effective implementation of the State and departmental equal employment policies.
- Experience providing testimony before Legislative Committees.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Creativity and Innovation - Applies new ways of thinking. Has the ability to solve problems, create new ideas, and develop new approaches to achieve the Department's mission.

Vision - Understands the context and mission of the Department both internal and external. Has an awareness of the Department's critical issues, anticipates and influences the future. Has the ability to organize for success; understands how to facilitate functional needs and structure to achieve strategic plans.

Credibility and Integrity - Understands internal and external customers and has a true desire to build credibility. Has a personal compass composed of clear principles and the flexibility to balance between literal adherence to rules and the use of policy as a guide. Has the ability to make decisions and be accountable for those decisions.

Teamwork - Cooperates to achieve the Department's mission, goals, and values and encourages diversity of opinions. Has the ability to enhance his/her own ability and the ability of others to contribute.

Communication - Has a clear expression of ideas, thoughts and expectations and is an active and

empathic listener. Understands that people process information differently; takes initiative to build relationships; understands cultural differences.

Staff Development - Recognizes that people are the Department's most valuable resource. Can identify and define needs of the Department, attract appropriate candidates, evaluate, and select the most qualified. Takes the time to develop and encourage staff to achieve their true potential.

In addition, to best serve both our internal and external customers, it is important that our management team understands and is sensitive to the diversity of the people we serve. The composition of our management team should also reflect diversity.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Chief, Fiscal Forecasting and Data Management Branch**, with the **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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The examination process will consist of an application and Statement of Qualifications screening committee. All interested applicants must file two copies of a Standard State Application (STD. 678), a resume, and a Statement of Qualifications. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year). The screening committee will compare each applicant's qualifications for the position against specific job-related evaluation criteria developed from the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the Standard State Application (STD. 678), all interested applicants are required to submit a Statement of Qualifications with specific information on how his/her background, knowledge, skills, and abilities meet the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics. This Statement of Qualifications must discuss the following critical factors:

1. Describe your ability, including leadership techniques, for organizing and motivating groups and/or employees, directing the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff, and dealing effectively with a variety of individuals, organizations, and state agencies.
2. Describe your ability to gain the confidence and support of top-level administrators, and advise on a wide range of fiscal forecasting and statistical matters.
3. Describe your knowledge of, and experience with, fiscal forecasting and statistical systems.
4. Describe your knowledge of, and experience with, the California legislative and budgetary processes, State control agencies, and other governmental entities that are necessary for effective program implementation.
5. Describe an experience that demonstrates your ability to analyze complex policy and fiscal problems, and make recommendations for effective courses of action.
6. Describe your knowledge of, and experience with, the Medi-Cal Program or other insurance-based programs that involve beneficiary eligibility, providers, and benefits.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Application packages postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date of February 16, 2007, will not be accepted. Application packages must include two copies of the items listed below.

Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and discuss the six critical factors listed on page 4 of this announcement.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.

Applicants who fail to submit the Statement of Qualifications may be eliminated from this examination process.

The application, Statement of Qualifications and resume must be submitted by the final filing date to:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, Personnel Management Branch
P.O. Box 997411 M.S. 1301, Sacramento, CA 95899-7411
Lisa Jeffers | (916) 552-8351 | ljeffers@dhs.ca.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Application packages may also be hand-delivered to: Department of Health Services, Personnel Management Branch, 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501, Sacramento, CA.

Questions regarding the examination process should be directed to Lisa Jeffers at ljeffers@dhs.ca.gov or at (916) 552-8351.

Questions regarding the position should be directed to Arleen Jacoway at ajacoway@dhs.ca.gov or (916) 440-7408.

SPECIAL TESTING

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class.

Class specs: <http://www.dpa.ca.gov/textdocs/specs/s7/s7500.txt>